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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An acoustic device comprising:
 - a plurality of sound sources;
 - a first output unit for outputting sound based on sound signals from the sound sources, the first output unit comprising front speakers;
 - a first operation unit which is capable of turning on a power supply to the acoustic device;
 - a second output unit for outputting sound based on sound signals from the sound sources;
 - a second operation unit which is capable of turning on the power supply to the acoustic device;
 - a mode setting unit setting either one of
 - a first mode, in which the sound based on the sound signals from one of the sound sources are output from the first output unit, and
 - a second mode, in which while the sound based on the sound signals from one of the sound sources are being output from the first output unit, the sound based on the sound signals from another sound source are output from the second output unit; and
 - a control unit for
 - controlling the mode setting unit to set the first mode or the second mode when the power supply to the acoustic device is turned on by the first operation unit and
 - controlling the mode setting unit to set the second mode and controlling

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the front speakers of the first output unit to be in a muted state when the power supply to the acoustic device is turned on by the second operation unit.

2. (Previously Presented) An acoustic device according to Claim 1, further comprising:
a remote operation unit for operating the acoustic device remotely; and
an external connection unit for externally connecting an electronic device having the remote operation unit,

wherein the control unit includes a control unit for controlling the mode setting unit to turn ON the power source of the acoustic device in the second mode, when the control unit detects the power ON demand signal from the remote operation unit through the external connection unit while the power source is OFF.

3. (Currently Amended) An acoustic device comprising:

a plurality of sound sources;
a first output unit for outputting sound based on sound signals from the sound sources, the first output unit comprising front speakers;
an operation unit which is capable of turning on a power supply to the acoustic device;
a second output unit for outputting sound based on sound signals from the sound sources,
a mode setting unit setting either one of
a first mode, in which the sound based on the sound signals from one of the sound sources are output from the first output unit, and

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a second mode, in which while the sound based on the sound signals from one of the sound sources are being output from the first output unit, the sound signals from another sound source are output from the second output unit;

an external connection unit for externally connecting an electronic device which is capable of turning on a power supply to the acoustic device; and

a control unit for

controlling the mode setting unit to set the first mode or the second mode when the power supply to the acoustic device is turned on by the operation unit and

controlling the mode setting unit to set the second mode and controlling the front speakers of the first output unit to be in a muted state when the power supply to the acoustic device is turned on by the electronic device.

4. (Original) An acoustic device according to Claim 2,
wherein the power ON demand signal obtained through the external connection unit is output from the electronic device in response to the power ON of the electronic device.
5. (Original) An acoustic device according to Claim 3,
wherein the power ON demand signal obtained through the external connection unit is output from the electronic device in response to the power ON of the electronic device.
6. (Original) An acoustic device according to Claim 2,
wherein the power ON demand signal obtained through the external connection unit is output from the electronic device in response to the insertion of a recording medium into the

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electronic device.

7. (Original) An acoustic device according to Claim 3,
wherein the power ON demand signal obtained through the external connection unit is output from the electronic device in response to the insertion of a recording medium into the electronic device.

8.-9. (Canceled)

10. (Original) An acoustic device according to Claim 1,
wherein the control unit causes a display unit to display power ON information indicating that the power source is turned ON, when the power source of the acoustic device is turned ON in the second mode while the power source is OFF.

11. (Original) An acoustic device according to Claim 3,
wherein the control unit causes a display unit to display power ON information indicating that the power source is turned ON, when the power source of the acoustic device is turned ON in the second mode while the power source is OFF.

12. (Original) An acoustic device according to Claim 10, further comprising:
a last information storage unit for storing, when the power source of the acoustic device is turned OFF, the sound source information relating to the sound source of the sound based on the sound signals being output by the first output unit just before the OFF of the

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power source, as last sound source information,

wherein the control unit causes the display unit to display the last sound source information stored in the last information storage unit, as the power ON information, when the power source is turned ON in the second mode while the power source is OFF.

13. (Original) An acoustic device according to Claim 11, further comprising:

a last information storage unit for storing, when the power source of the acoustic device is turned OFF, the sound source information relating to the sound source of the sound based on the sound signals being output by the first output unit just before the OFF of the power source, as last sound source information,

wherein the control unit causes the display unit to display the last sound source information stored in the last information storage unit, as the power ON information, when the power source is turned ON in the second mode while the power source is OFF.

14. (Previously Presented) A vehicular audio system, comprising:

a body device;

a plurality of sound sources connected to the body device;

a front operation unit for operating the body device on the front side in a vehicular compartment and for turning on a power supply to the vehicular audio system;

a rear operation unit for operating the body device remotely on a rear side in the vehicular compartment and for turning on a power supply to the vehicular audio system;

a first sound output unit for outputting sound based on sound signals coming from at least one of the plurality of sound sources,

a second output unit for outputting sound based on sound signals from the sound sources,

an external electronic device connected with the body device via an external connection unit located within the body device, the external electronic device being capable of turning on a power supply to the vehicular audio system;

wherein the body device responds to a predetermined operation from at least one of the front operation unit, the rear operation unit, and the external electronic device to set

a first mode, in which a first plurality of sound signals coming from at least one of the plurality of sound sources are exclusively output from the first sound output unit, and

a second mode, in which the first plurality of sound signals coming from at least one of the plurality of sound sources are output from the first sound output unit, and a second plurality of sound signals coming from at least another of the plurality of sound sources are output from the second sound output unit,

wherein a control unit controls the body device to set the first mode or the second mode when the power supply to the acoustic device is turned on by the front operation unit, and

wherein the control unit controls the body device to set the second mode and controlling the first sound output unit to be in a muted state-when the power supply to the vehicular audio system is turned on by the rear operation unit or external electronic device.

15. (Previously Presented) A vehicular audio system according to claim 14, wherein the body device further comprises:

a speaker output switching unit for selecting at least one of the plurality of sound sources so that the sound signals coming from at least one of the plurality of sound sources are output from the first sound output unit;

a headphone output switching unit for selecting at least one of the plurality of sound sources so that the sound signals coming from at least another of the plurality of sound sources are output from the second sound output unit;

a first mute circuit for muting the first plurality of sound signals coming from at least one of the plurality of sound sources to the first sound output unit;

a second mute circuit for muting the second plurality of sound signals coming from at least another one of the plurality of sound sources to the second sound output unit;

a display unit for displaying information; and

a microcomputer for controlling the body device.

16. (Previously Presented) A vehicular audio system according to claim 15, wherein the microcomputer further comprises:

a mode setting storage unit, comprising:

a first mode setting memory for storing a set content of the first mode;

a second mode setting memory for storing a set content of the second mode;

and

a last information storage unit for storing, just before the body unit is turned OFF, a sound source information relating to the sound source of the last sound signals coming from at least one of the plurality of sound sources that was output from the first sound output unit;

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a display control unit for controlling the display unit;
a control unit for controlling the microcomputer; and
a mute control unit for controlling the first mute circuit and the second mute circuit on the basis of the set content of the first mode and the set content of the second mode.

17. (Previously Presented) A vehicular audio system according to claim 15, wherein when the second mode is set and the body device is turned ON in response to a power ON demand signal from at least one of the rear operation unit and the external electronic device while the body device is OFF, the display unit displays an information regarding the first plurality of sound signals coming from at least one of the plurality of sound sources that is set in the muted state by the first mute circuit.

18. (Previously Presented) A vehicular audio system according to claim 14, wherein the muted state is releasable by the operation of the front operation unit.

19. (Previously Presented) A vehicular audio system according to claim 14, wherein the external electronic device is arranged on the rear side in the vehicular compartment.

20. (Previously Presented) The acoustic device according to claim 1, wherein the interrupted state is releasable by the control unit.

21. (Previously Presented) The acoustic device according to claim 1, wherein the first output unit includes a first speaker and a second speaker,

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wherein the second mode includes:

a first sub-mode, in which the second speaker of the first output unit is in a muted state and the first speaker is in an output state; and

a second sub-mode, in which the first speaker and the second speaker of the first output unit are in a muted state, and

wherein the control unit controls the mode setting unit to set the second sub-mode of the second mode when the power supply to the acoustic device is turned on by the second operation unit.